PARIS.

Full Confirmation of the Disastrous Insurrent Defeat at Asnieres.

Demoralisation of the Nationalists and Fighting Among Themselves.

Crowds of People Flying from the Doomed City.

Bloody Combat Raging at Neuilly.

Surrender to Surrender Sent Yesterday.

NEW YORK, April 17.—A special dispatch to the Tribune from Paris, dated Sunday, says: The firing has been incessant during the past 48 hours.

The Insurgent Reply.

General Cluseret says the attack was extremely vigorous last evening, principally against Vanvres, which was obliged to sustain five consecutive assaults. Ambulances are seen carrying off the dead and wounded of the assailants. The eighty-sixth battalion merits mention for admirable conduct at Neuilly. The combat continues, foot by foot, each house having to be besieged. The troops have been ordered to storm them. The Versailles government talks of reducing Paris within twenty-four hours. Let powder carry back the answer.

Reported Insurgent Victory.

Gen. Endis, commanding the south forts, says all seems finished; the night has been terrible, and the battle incessant. From six o'clock in the evening Vanvres bore the most violent assault. The royalists' loss is enormous. They were repulsed along the whole line. It was a complete victory for the Commune. Our men fought like lions, especially Ledaux, Governor of Vanvres.

Another Account.

Another special correspondent telegraphed from Paris yesterday afternoon as follows: Yesterday morning attacks were made on Porte Dauphine, which continued all day. The quarter of Champs Elysees has been severely damaged by the shells, which are still falling thickly. The building occupied by the American Legation was struck by fragments of a shell on Saturday; nevertheless, Mr. Washburne continues to reside in Avenue Josephine. Barricades have been ordered erected immediately in the quarters of the Tuileries and Belleville, which will render Paris impregnable to assaults of the Versaillists.

The same correspondent telegraphed last night: There has been firing in various directions all day. Saw a shell strike the Arch of Triumph. Much damage has been done. It has been struck by thirty-three shells in all. The Champs is full of people. Carriages and omnibuses go nearly to the Arch. The stalls are open, and Punch-and-Judy-shows are exhibited. Crowds are moving to and fro in holiday attire. Groups gathered to-day give little attention to the bombardment. No interest whatever is manifested in the elections.

Minister Washburne Removes his Family.

The family of Minister Washburne has left Paris.

It is anticipated that all the railroad lines will be cut to-morrow, and a state of siege declared. There are only provisions enough in Paris to last three weeks.

Another correspondent telegraphs that he saw fighting, which was furious and only four thousand yards from Paris. He was subsequently arrested, and came near being shot. Six persons arrested as royalists were shot in the morning.

It is reckoned that during the last two days the Versaillieists have lost one thousand killed and fifteen hundred wounded. All persons are now allowed to leave without permits, except men between the ages of 19 and 40. Provisions are rising in price. All the gates except three, opposite the enemy, are open all day.

The Parisian Movments.

LONDON, April 17.—The Germans have occupied Saint Quentin, Sar Seine, two kilometres south of St. Denis, and seven kilometres from Paris.

A dispatch from Versailles says the Government has given Paris twenty-four hours to surrender.

Approach of the End.

The correspondence of the Independence Belge says the end approaches. The affair at Asnieres was disastrous to the Communists, whose lines were filled with their dead. The Versailles forces are within one kilometre of the Porte des Turnes.

A dispatch from Marseilles says the trial of the Communist leaders is proceeding. Cremieux's wife has sent a petition to President Theirs asking the pardon of her husband.

PARIS, April 17.—Last night passed quietly. The Pontificate Zouaves were engaged in close quarters yesterday at Neuilly by the Communist troops. The latter were unsuccessful, and captured some colors. The spirit of the troops is good.

Progress of the Investment.

[Tribune's Special.]

PARIS, April 16.—The Versailles troops are spreading around the city. They have been discovered in strength at Gennevillier and are extending their lines to St. Denis.

A new Barricade has been erected near the center of the Place Vendome. The demolition of the column has been postponed until after the cessation of hostilities.

The Vote of the Army.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A cable special dated Paris, Monday noon, says: At nine o'clock last night the forts in advance were sent in to the Commune the result of the vote of the troops. The urn containing the papers was carried by an officer, escorted by the Nationals. The procession was headed by a red flag. There were cries of "Vive la Commune."

Misguided Bravery.

Yesterday, after the taking of Neuilly Church, a youth of sixteen planted the flag of the Commune on the summit of the church, amid a shower of balls.

The inhabitants are collecting provisions.

A report that the city is about to be invested by the Versaillists and Prussians jointly causes great excitement.

The barricades on the Rue Castiglione have been demolished. Large works have been erected at Batignolles, Belleville, and Montmartre.

Prosecution of the Clergy.

The Church of Saint Jacques, de Haute Pas, was surrounded to-day by the Nationals, and the clergy arrested during vespers.

Yesterday the Church of Saint Vincent, de Haute, was surrounded by the Nationals and pillaged. Scarcely a church is open now.

The Elections.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A dispatch from Bologne says that the Communal elections in Paris were a perfect farce. Not one-tenth of the voters went to the polls. In the slight arrondissement only 1,130 votes were polled out of 17,825 votes.

No dispatch was received from Paris by the light train. It is stated the couriers with the dispatches were seized by the Commune.

Reported Prussian Intervention.

LONDON, April 18.—The London Times has a special dispatch from Paris, stating that it is reported in that city that Prussia will intervene in the affairs of France in case the Commune should be victorious over the Versailles Government. The Prussians have advanced to the Auber Villers, four kilometres southeast of St. Denuis, and within eight kilometre of Paris.

The Daily News' special dispatch from Paris says the Commune has in its hands thirty-eight millions francs cash, which has been paid by the Bank of France for the unsold bonds of the city of Paris.

A dispatch from Versailles says the Prussians have agreed to stop the fraternising of Paris by way of St. Denis.

VERSAILLES, April 18.—President Thiers, in a circular just issued, confirms the announcement of the capture of the Government troops of Chatean Becon. Batteries have been established there, within easy range of the insurgent batteries at Asnieres and Velichy.

The report from Paris that the doors of the Pontifical Zouaves were captured by the Communists at Neuilly, on Sunday, is confirmed.

The Loss of Neuilly.

[World Special.]

PARIS, April 17.—The Communists, after a severe battle, have occupied the whole of Neuilly, capturing all the enemy's artillery and two flags. The enemy also lost two thousand men in killed and wounded and five hundred prisoners. The loss of the Communes was about the same.

Valerien is now bombarding Neuilly.

Significant Prussian Movements.

The Germans are massing heavy bodies of troops, and give many other proofs of an intention to interfere.

Insurgent Successes.

PARIS, April 18.—General Cluseret reports that the past night has been comparatively quiet. Dombrowski is steadily and surely advancing. Considerable breaches have been made in the walls of Fort Valerien. The situation is everywhere satisfactory. Several of the enemies batteries have been dismounted, and all their attacks have been repulsed with small loss to the defenders. The morale of the men is excellent.

American Guns in the Defense.

LONDON, April 18.—The Times' special speaks highly of the American guns used in the defense of Paris.

Dissatisfaction exists among the French troops. They are ready to protect the Assembly, but not to attack Paris. More than half of the soldiers returning from Germany are sent home because they are regarded as untrustworthy.

The Prussian Indemnity.

The five hundred millions of francs due April 1st are known to be ready at Versailles, but the payment is delayed because the German troops, on the payment of the installment of the indemnity, would then retire towards Rheims.

Suggested Plan for Compromise.

PARIS, April 9.—A programme which has been suggested, and has met with general approval among the people of Paris, provides for the maintenance of the republic; the granting of communal rights to Paris and other cities, and an autonomy of the National Guards; the dissolution of the Assembly and the election of a national communal representative Assembly instead; the formation of an ad interim government for Paris and Versailles; the declaration of an amnesty for all offenses against the Government, and the signing of an armistice.

The Insurrection Failing to Please.

LONDON, April 19.—A dispatch from Asnieres via Versailles this forenoon, says the weather is rainy and operations are next to impossible, but adds that the insurrection is failing to pieces.

Disturbances at Bordeaux and Bourges Suppressed.

A dispatch from Boulogne, the 19th, says: "This afternoon the Communist leader unfurled the red flag and addressed a crowd in support of the Commune. Considerable excitement was created in the streets for a time, but eventually the police seized the flag and quieted the excitement."

There have been some disturbances at Bordeaux, but they were promptly repressed.

The Very Latest.

PARIS, Wednesday afternoon, April 19, via LONDON, April 20, 1 A. M.—The Commune has suppressed the newspapers Opinion Nationale, La Cloche, Le Soir and Le Bien Publique.

The recent elections are declared void by the Commune.

There was a panic at one of the outposts of the National Guard yesterday, and the men were rallied with difficulty.

Reported Insurgent Success.

PARIS, April 20.—General Dombrowski reports to the Commune that his troops have retaken certain positions, capturing considerable quantities of provisions and some prisoners. He adds that the battle continues, and asks for reinforcements.

General O'Kalowitz maintains his position at Asnieres against all efforts of the Government forces.

Dissolution of the Commune.

The Commune retires from office, and new elections will be held at once.

The Mot d'Ordre condemns the Commune for its suppression of various journals.

Everything Quiet at Asnieres.

NEW YORK, April 20.—A dispatch dated Paris, Tuesday night, says that in the affair at Asnieres yesterday, the 238th battallion of National Guards retreated inside the Porte, crying "all is lost." The people charged the Nationals with cowardice, and a not fight ensued between the civil and military adherents of the Commune.

Fearful Spectacle.

Lenollians presents a horrible spectacle. The Nationals are carousing and the wounded lie groaning in the streets. It is strange that the Government did not follow up the attack. They must have succeeded.

At Neuilly a body of gens d'armes have been entrenched for the last eight days, and, in spite of the withering fire, still hold out.

The news of the reverse at Asnieres yesterday caused great excitement in Paris.

An Englishman, in a restaurant near the Invalides, was grossly insulted for not bearing arms.

A shell fell yesterday in the Faubourg St. Honore.

The Communists are digging trenches in front of Fort Vanvres, and the Government troops are doing the same opposite Paris.

Last night shells were falling in Rue Des Ternes.

The Legitimist Army.

A special dispatch from Versailles, Tuesday afternoon, says 40,000 Government troops are in the woods at St. Cloud, and 10,000 are quartered at Bengival.

The Communists are firing on Polerix, and are doing great damage.

Crowds Leaving Paris.

The road to St. Dennis is crowded with people leaving Paris, the advantages for doing so being greater than expected.

Dombrowski's Narrow Escape.

A shell fell on Dombrowski's quarters yesterday. He and a staff officer were in bed, but neither were injured.

It is stated the reason that the Versailles government bombards the Champs Elysees is to frighten the foreign ambassadors into taking refuge in Versailles.

Bloody Combat at Neuilly.

An attack toward Asnieres is expected. The Nationals are manning the ramparts. A bloody combat has been raging at Neuilly since morning. The commandant of the 261st battalion of Nationals has been killed. The commandant of the artillery has been denounced and arrested as a traitor.

The Insurgent Retreat.

The Nationals are now retreating in large numbers. They have set fire to a number of houses in Neuilly, and the inhabitants, hidden in cellars, being unable to extricate themselves, were burned to death. The inhabitants of Neuilly have petitioned for an armistice to remove the women and children, but General Cluseret refused the favor. A number of houses in Versailles, struck by shells, are on fire.

Firing All About the City.

PARIS, April 19—Evening.—A cannonade was mingled with the fire of musketry and mitrailleuse and shook all day at Courbevoie, Porte Maillot, Pauleax, Asnieres and Levallloes. Iron-clad railroad trains are operating actively. Barricades and trenches are in course of construction inside of Paris.

The Revelle newspaper denies that the Versailles forces are masters of the bridge crossing the Seine from Asnieres to Cliche.

The concentration of the troops from the army of the Assembly continues.

The Arch of Triumph Destroyed.

LONDON, April 20.—A special dispatch to the London Telegraph says the arch of triumph has been destroyed by the fire of the batteries of the Versailles troops in the battle at Asnieres on the 18th.

THE WINCHESTER RAID.

Further Particulars Regarding the Rescue of the Gravette Murderers.

[Letter to the Louisville Courier-Journal.]

WINCHESTER, KY., April 17, 1871.

Your readers are aware that, on the 6th of February last, Nunnally Webb went to the house of Nicholas Gravette, and, as was said, shot him in cold blood. He (Webb), together with his father, fled from the county, and sought refuge in the mountains. About four or five since, a man named Davidson went to the mountains in search of cattle, and happening to meet the Webbs during his explorations, secured their arrest. He brought them to Winchester, where they had a preliminary trial before Justices West and Dingwell, who committed them both to jail to await their trial before the Circuit Court, on a charge of murder. Being feared by the county authorities that an attempt would be made to take the prisoners from the jail, a strong guard was appointed, who daily and nightly patrolled the castle and surroundings. Lately it was deemed unnecessary to keep the full complement of guard on duty, and, accordingly, they were discharged. This becoming known to the Webbs' friends, it was decided that they should make an attempt, last night, for their liberation. About 15 o'clock this morning a party of about seventy five or one hundred men made a dash into town, posted their pickets on the outskirts, and then went to the jail, when they ordered the jailer (Mr. Hogan) to open the doors. This he refused to do, and the party commenced an onslaught on the premises, which continued for about ten minutes, and then sent three of their number to a blacksmith-shop to get a sledge-hammer. During the absence of this party the jailer concluded to surrender, and gave the keys to one of the leaders of the gang, when they entered the jail and took the two Webbs out, and then rushed them out of town. Some who profess to know, say positively that a woman was in the party (supposed to be the wife of Fountain Webb). So this as it may, she was in town yesterday and visited her husband at the jail. She was there before some hours, and it is said that there was no strong guard on duty. The party who rescued the prisoners are generally supposed to be non-residents of Clark county, but from Estill.

☞ It is reported that not less than seven women have appeared in different parts of Great Britain, each of them claiming to be the lawful wife of the eccentric Earl of Aberdeen. As the Earl was always presumed to be a bachelor, these wives are probably of the supposititious sort.

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Military and Civil Rule in Mississippi Contrasted.

Ben Butler's Son-in-law Shown Up As He Was and As He Is.

An Honest Republican Leader Defends His State from the Calumnies of a Carpet-Bagger.

"GOOD OUT OF NAZARETH."

[From the New York Tribune.]

SIR: You challenge me to reply to certain strictures of yours on me and my administration. Having no political or personal interests in New York, I considered not to withdraw the attention necessary to an acceptance of your taunt from the pressing and anxious duties by which I am surrounded here. On reconsideration, however, I feel that the misrepresentations to which you give publicity, finding, as they do, an echo in high places, demand correction at my hands as a duty to my State. The slanders put upon this people before the whole country threaten consequences so grave that I must pray you to permit me to give them, through your columns, an authoritative correction.

The Auditor of Public Accounts of this State has placed before me a list of all the claims allowed, and paid since March, 1868, for Coroners' inquests. Assuming the inquests therein set forth to represent so many murders, I find that the number committed during Gen. Ames' administration of military government, beginning with April, 1869, and ending with March, 1870, counts up 62. Still taking the inquests as representing so many murders, I find the number committed during my administration of civil government, beginning with April, 1870, and ending with March, 1871, counts up precisely the same number, 62. I may observe that Gen. Ames' assignment to duty as District Commander having taken place in March, I begin the count of murders in his year with April; and my inauguration as civil Governor having taken place in March, I begin the count of murders in my year with the same month.

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Mr. Musgrove is an Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue. He is stationed in one of the counties in Mississippi bordering on Alabama. Besides being an officer of the United States, he is also an officer of Mississippi. He is Superintendent of Public Schools of his county. Much dissatisfaction—rightly or wrongly, I am not pretend to know—prevails among the people with his administration of their school fund. They protest vehemently against the taxation for which they hold him responsible. Now, Mr. Musgrove proceeded to a certain part of his school jurisdiction to transact some business connected with the schools. Having stayed the night previous to the transaction of that business at a country house, he was seized by a body of armed men. They insisted that the school taxes of the county were exorbitant, and that he was the person to blame for the fact. They demanded that he pledge himself to cause those taxes to be reduced; on his refusal to comply with that demand, made him the subject of cowardly violence. While such a demand as that is disgraceful to the State and to the administration, and while I am determined to leave no agency of detection and severe punishment unused in bringing the perpetrators of it to justice, I protest concisely against any attempt to deceive the Government by making that crime appear to be one connected with the political rights of the people of the State, rather than, as it really was, upon an officer of the State Board of Education. As a Federal officer, I, of course, have to venture to affirm, never encountered opposition or hostility from any people of his district. No Federal officer ever since the war have I heard of the commission of any outrage of violence in this State on any officer whatever of the national revenue.

Federal officers generally, in Mississippi, hold, under the present exceptional condition of things, one or more offices of the State. With but very few exceptions I urged them to do so. Their local offices bring them into contact with the people in a light identifying them with the burdens of taxation—a position that, in many instances, is, I regret to say, aggravated by extravagance. With the one exception of the tax on cottons, the people of Mississippi regard the direct taxation put upon them by Congress—seeing that it applies to the Northern States as well as to the Southern—as just and equitable. Even while the representatives of that taxation transact, as such, their business in presence of a cheerful acquiescence, the representatives of the local taxes are regarded with increasing dislike. If, therefore, the immunity which has followed the officer of the National Treasury shall ever appear to be violated, it may be always presumed that the violation has arisen, not under his relation to the United States, but under his relation to the local administration.

A Northern man in the State wrote recently a letter, which has been published, to the effect that, even though he voted for Judge Dent, he dare not remain among the people of his county—the county of Alcorn. The sheriff of Alcorn county edits the Republican paper of its chief town—Corinth—and in a recent editorial shows how far such a statement is true, in these words: "When we were appointed sheriff of this county the Kuklux were cutting and slashing in every direction, breaking open the jail, and hanging and shooting persons; but, by advising with our best citizens, and being prudent and kind in our dealings with the people, we have had no difficulty in executing the law; and there has not been, to our knowledge, a single Kuklux outrage in this county for eight months. And we could raise 1,000 men in this county to-morrow to put down any riot or resistance of law." In addition to this declaration of that Republican sheriff, I assert without apprehension that I overstate the truth by a single iota, that there is not a county in this State in which any attempt to resist the law cannot be crushed by the sheriff's posse.

But why have I requested that Federal troops should be stationed on the eastern border of this State? They have been placed there under these circumstances: Colored people in this city, having had a collision with some soldiers, requested me some time ago to obtain a removal of the garrison. While fully satisfied of the power of the sheriff's posse, if the sheriff should properly discharge his duty, to enforce the law against all persons who could be detected in the commission of crime in any of the eastern counties, I requested the Commanding General to send detachments—as I had intended from the force here—to four of those counties in which their presence had been made expedient to reassure the apprehension aroused among the whites and blacks by three or four Kuklux outrages that culminated in the riot at Meridian.

After the foregoing digression into special cases by way of illustration of the thousand and one calumnies heaped upon the State within the last month, I return to the comparison of military with civil government in Mississippi.

I have dealt with official returns to show you generally that, whereas the administration of the lawyer in this State threatened to result in anarchy, the administration of law promises to result in law-abiding repose. Allow me now on behalf of my State, to pass from the general to the special, and to carry out the comparison in the case of such violence as takes the form of riot.

If the civil administration of the year just closed be disgraced, as I grant it is, by a riot involving loss of life at Meridian, the military administration of the year immediately preceding is disgraced by the series of riots which, beginning in Carroll county on the 10th of November, 1868, counts up and ending with March, 1870, counts up 62. Still taking the inquests as representing so many murders, I find the number committed during my administration of civil government, beginning with April, 1870, and ending with March, 1871, counts up precisely the same number, 62. I may observe that Gen. Ames' assignment to duty as District Commander having taken place in March, I begin the count of murders in his year with April; and my inauguration as civil Governor having taken place in March, I begin the count of murders in my year with the same month.

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The facts offered here are addressed to your judgment and conscience. They are cited in proof of the conclusion that in the case I have put upon us this State has been made the subject of gross misrepresentations. With this proof this matter, let me say to you as to your authority for most of the scandals which have recently found utterance upon men and things in Mississippi in the columns of your journal? If you give me the name of your Jackson correspondent I think I can show you that the public has been cautioned against him in the newspapers of Memphis, Little Rock and Vicksburg as a swindler. And if that evidence as to character should not be sufficient to convince you that he is unworthy his statements are of any credence I think I can put you in possession of documents that prove him to have attempted to corrupt this Legislature, to be an arrant sharper and knave. Though the statements of such an individual be worthy of any notice as reflections upon a man of honor, the New York Tribune is certainly not the journal in which they would be looked for as accusations of a Republican administration.

The libels uttered on this State through the vehicle of a letter read in the National Senate from a member of the Legislature, have been verified before the public by the writer's name. Why was the name withheld? An excuse to the effect that the man's personal safety demanded it would be puerile; and in the eyes of all men who know the present temper of our people, cannot have that withholding from being set down as a self-evident impeachment of the writer's truth. At this point that letter has, I think, received all the attention to which it is entitled; but if any current proof in the case be necessary, it may be found in the baseness which it puts in evidence when it disgorge the foul stream after fight before the Senate of the United States a business proper to my private life.

Mr. Musgrove is an Assistant Assessor of Internal Revenue. He is stationed in one of the counties in Mississippi bordering on Alabama. Besides being an officer of the United States, he is also an officer of Mississippi. He is Superintendent of Public Schools of his county. Much dissatisfaction—rightly or wrongly, I am not pretend to know—prevails among the people with his administration of their school fund. They protest vehemently against the taxation for which they hold him responsible. Now, Mr. Musgrove proceeded to a certain part of his school jurisdiction to transact some business connected with the schools. Having stayed the night previous to the transaction of that business at a country house, he was seized by a body of armed men. They insisted that the school taxes of the county were exorbitant, and that he was the person to blame for the fact. They demanded that he pledge himself to cause those taxes to be reduced; on his refusal to comply with that demand, made him the subject of cowardly violence. While such a demand as that is disgraceful to the State and to the administration, and while I am determined to leave no agency of detection and severe punishment unused in bringing the perpetrators of it to justice, I protest concisely against any attempt to deceive the Government by making that crime appear to be one connected with the political rights of the people of the State, rather than, as it really was, upon an officer of the State Board of Education. As a Federal officer, I, of course, have to venture to affirm, never encountered opposition or hostility from any people of his district. No Federal officer ever since the war have I heard of the commission of any outrage of violence in this State on any officer whatever of the national revenue.

Federal officers generally, in Mississippi, hold, under the present exceptional condition of things, one or more offices of the State. With but very few exceptions I urged them to do so. Their local offices bring them into contact with the people in a light identifying them with the burdens of taxation—a position that, in many instances, is, I regret to say, aggravated by extravagance. With the one exception of the tax on cottons, the people of Mississippi regard the direct taxation put upon them by Congress—seeing that it applies to the Northern States as well as to the Southern—as just and equitable. Even while the representatives of that taxation transact, as such, their business in presence of a cheerful acquiescence, the representatives of the local taxes are regarded with increasing dislike. If, therefore, the immunity which has followed the officer of the National Treasury shall ever appear to be violated, it may be always presumed that the violation has arisen, not under his relation to the United States, but under his relation to the local administration.

A Northern man in the State wrote recently a letter, which has been published, to the effect that, even though he voted for Judge Dent, he dare not remain among the people of his county—the county of Alcorn. The sheriff of Alcorn county edits the Republican paper of its chief town—Corinth—and in a recent editorial shows how far such a statement is true, in these words: "When we were appointed sheriff of this county the Kuklux were cutting and slashing in every direction, breaking open the jail, and hanging and shooting persons; but, by advising with our best citizens, and being prudent and kind in our dealings with the people, we have had no difficulty in executing the law; and there has not been, to our knowledge, a single Kuklux outrage in this county for eight months.

THE END OF IT.

Adjournment of Congress—Passage of the Kuklux Bill—Butler and Farnsworth—Mr. Beck Defines Butler's Bravery—Full Text of the Kuklux Bill.

[Special Telegraphic Correspondence of the Courier-Journal.]

THE BUTLER FARNSWORTH AFFAIR.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The first session of the Forty-second Congress ended to-day at 2 o'clock without extraordinary incident in the Senate, but with a violent personal scene between General Butler and General Farnsworth in the House. The former made his long-promised personal explanation on the recent fine scene between himself and Garrett Davis, in the Senate, and then devoted the rest of his remarks to denunciation of General Farnsworth, whom he proposed to regard in future as without the pale of civilized warfare. Farnsworth took the floor, and, speaking amid considerable excitement among the members, reiterated all his charges against Butler in connection with his appropriating public money as President of the Soldiers' Asylum, and added that he could convict him before any petit jury in the country of perjury and embezzlement. Butler retorted that Farnsworth would not be believed on oath. Mr. Beck added fuel to Butler's frenzy, by relating the statement that Farnsworth, in the presence of the members of the House, had shaken his fist in Butler's face, and otherwise insulted him, without the latter's resenting it. The scene, which was about as disgraceful as any ever witnessed in Congress, was only cut short by the time arriving for final adjournment.

PASSAGE OF THE KUKLUX BILL.

The legislative feature of the last hours of the session was the final passage of the infamous Kuklux bill as evolved from the second conference committee. The Senate carried about all it contended for. The time of the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus was extended through the next Presidential election. The indemnity of property claims was restricted to accessories before the fact, and the Judges of the United States courts were given power to admister a discretionary oath to jurors and thereby pack the jury. All the odious features defining conspiracy, which set at naught the common law, were retained.

GRANT A WILLING PARTY.

Grant promptly signed the bill, and said that as soon as he returned from St. Louis he should order upon a vigorous enforcement.

A SIGNIFICANT WARNING TO THE SENATE.

There was a significant resolution unanimously adopted by the House to-day, on motion of Mr. Beck, declaring again, in the substantial phraseology of the Forty-second Congress, that hereafter it will state in constitutional rights in making appropriations of money to fulfil treaties ratified by the Senate, and giving notice to that body to that effect. This will serve as a caveat on the coming treaties from the Joint High Commission.

DEPARTURE OF MEMBERS.

A large number of the members of the House, anticipating a final adjournment today, left here last night for their homes, and nearly all the Senators and Members who remained to-day, left to-night.

THE PRESIDENT.

The President, accompanied by Gen. Porter, his secretary, and Mr. Morton and ex-Congressman Orth, of Indiana, left in a special car for St. Louis to-night. The President will be absent ten days.

[To the Associated Press.]

PASSAGE OF THE KUKLUX BILL.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The House, by a vote of 93 to 74, a strict party vote, has adopted the conference report on the Kuklux bill, and the bill now goes to the President.

FULL TEXT OF THE BILL.

The following is the full text of the Kuklux bill:

An act to enforce the provisions of the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person, who, under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage of any State, shall subject, or cause to be subjected, any person within the jurisdiction of the United States to the deprivation of any rights, privileges or immunities secured by the Constitution of the United States, shall, any such law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom or usage of the State to the contrary notwithstanding, be liable to the party injured in action, lawsuit, &c., in equity or other proper proceedings for redress, such proceeding to be prosecuted in the several District or Circuit Courts of the United States, with, and subject to, the same rights of appeal, review upon error and other remedies provided in like cases in such courts under the provisions of the act of April 9th, 1866, entitled "An act to protect all persons in the United States in their civil rights, and to furnish the means for their vindication."

Sec. 3. That in all cases where insurrection, domestic violence, unlawful combinations, or conspiracies in any State shall obstruct or hinder the execution of the laws thereof and the United States so as to deprive any portion or class of people in such State of any rights, privileges, or immunities, or protection named in the Constitution and secured by this act, and the constituted authorities of such State shall either be unable to protect, or shall, from any cause fail in or refuse protection to the people in such rights, such facts shall be deemed a denial by such State of the equal protection of the laws to which they are entitled under the Constitution of the United States; and in all such cases, or whenever any such insurrection, violence, unlawful combination or conspiracy shall oppose or obstruct the laws of the United States, or the due execution thereof, or impede or obstruct the due course of justice under the same, it shall be lawful for the President, and it shall be his duty to take such measures, by the employment of the militia, land and naval forces of the United States, or of either, or by other means, as he may deem necessary for the suppression of such insurrection, domestic violence, or combinations; and any person who shall be arrested under the provisions of this and preceding sections shall be delivered to the Marshal of the proper district, to be dealt with according to law.

Sec. 4. That wherever, in any State or part of a State, the unlawful combinations named in the preceeding sections of this act shall be organized and armed, and so numerous and powerful as to be able by violence to either overthrow or set at defiance the constituted authorities of such State and the United States within such State, or where the constituted authorities are in complicity with, or connive at, the unlawful purposes of such powerful and armed combinations; and whenever by reason of either, or all, the causes aforesaid, the condition of such affairs in any State shall render it impracticable, in every such case such combinations shall be deemed rebellion against the Government of the United States, and during the continuance of such rebellion, and within the limits of the district which shall be so under the sway thereof, such limits to be prescribed by proclamation, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, when in his judgment the public safety shall require it, to suspend the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus to the end that such rebellion may be overthrown; provided that all the provisions of this section shall not be in force after the end of the next regular session of Congress.

Sec. 5. That no person shall be a grand or petit juror in any court of the United States upon any inquiry bearing on the trial of any suit, proceeding or prosecution based upon or arising under the provisions of this act who shall in the judgment of the court be in complicity with any such combination or conspiracy. Every juror before entering upon any such inquiry bearing on the trial take and subscribe an oath in open court that he has never voluntarily borne arms against the United States or voluntarily aided any such combination or conspiracy; and each and every person who has taken the oath and shall thereon swear falsely shall be guilty of perjury and shall be subject to the pains and penalties declared against that crime in the preceding section of this act, and shall incur additional causes of challenge and prescribing an additional oath for grand and petit jurors in the United States courts, approved June 17, 1862," and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. That any person or persons having knowledge that any of the wrongs conspired to be done, and mentioned in the 2d section of this act, are about to be committed, and having power to prevent or aid in preventing the same, shall neglect or refuse so to do, and such wrongful act shall be committed, such person or persons shall be liable to the person injured, or his legal representatives, for all damages caused by any such wrongful act which such first-named person or persons, by reasonable diligence could have prevented, and such damages may be recovered in an action in the case in the proper circuit court of the United States, and any number of persons guilty of such wrongful neglect or refusal may be joined as defendants in such action: Provided, That no such action shall be commenced within one year after such cause of action shall have occurred. And if the death of any person shall be caused by any such wrongful act and neglect, the representatives of such deceased person shall have such action thereto and may recover, not exceeding $5,000 damages therein, for the benefit of the widow of such deceased person, if any there be; or if there be no widow, for the benefit of the next of kin to such deceased person.

Sec. 7. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to supersede or repeal any former act of law, except so far as the same may be repugnant thereto; and any offenses heretofore committed against the tenor of any former act shall be prosecuted; and any proceedings already commenced for prosecution thereof shall be continued and completed in the same as if this act had not been passed, except so far as the provisions of this act may go to sustain and validate such proceedings.

CONFIRMATION.

The Senate confirmed the following nomination: George Lockley, postmaster at East Saginaw, Mich.

THE EXTRA SESSION OF THE SENATE.

The President will to-day issue a proclamation convening the Senate in extraordinary session for the 10th of May for the consideration of business which failed to be perfected by the Joint High Commission.

BILLS AND ACTS SIGNED.

The President has signed the Kuklux and deficiency bills; also the following acts: An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to convey the branch mint at Dahlonega to the trustees of the North Georgia Agricultural College; an act to enable the Atlantic and Pacific railroad to mortgage its road; an act to enable the Houghton and Ontonogon Railroad Company to make a survey of the road; an act for the survey of the boundary of States; an act to amend the law of impeachment, Lawrence and Galveston Railroad Company to re-elevate a portion of its road; an act for the reorganization of Commander Stevens of the U. S. navy from the retired to the active list; an act to create a port of delivery of Potomac, Va.; and an act to authorize the payment of duplicate checks by disbursing officers.

WHAT CONGRESS HAS DONE.

Congress this session passed about forty bills of a public character.

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The Golden Age says:

Forty churches and school-houses belonging to the colored people of Mississippi have been burned within a few weeks, and a number of teachers have been whipped and banished from the State; while Mr. Brown-Ioe hath the word of reconstruction has been done. If the national Government cannot assert its authority and protect its citizens, what is the use of having a Government? It is certainly worse than nothing but ornamental.

It seems useless to characterize such statements as they deserve. Insubstantial as we know them to be, they furnish the food on which the Republican party lives and thrives. Mr. THEODORE TILTON pretends to be a man of culture. We say nothing about his claims to being a virtuous or honest man. Taking his intelligence only as the standard, what shall we think of such a paragraph after reading the letter of Governor ALCORN published in this issue of the COURIER-JOURNAL?

The address of the Democratic members of Congress proves, carries out and sustains the general course marked down by the COURIER-JOURNAL immediately after the ratification of the Fifteenth amendment. There is to be no fighting over of disastrous battles. The campaign for the Presidency is to be made on live issues. Without stultifying its convictions, or going back upon its declarations, the Democratic party will contend for the restoration to the people of their local self-government, and the infusion into the public service of a responsible and upright spirit. For urging this simple formula, we have been denounced frequently. We trust now that we shall hear no more of that sort of thing. It is time to close ranks and prepare for the march. The conservative forces cannot afford to wrangle in the face of the enemy, and it shall be no fault of ours if there is not perfect harmony throughout the camp.

We publish this morning a manly letter from Governor ALCORN, of Mississippi. We have had occasion before to notice the great ability, candor and courage of this really extraordinary man; and our admiration for those qualities are not at all diminished, but rather increased, by the reflection that he is a Republican. Such qualities are rare in the Republican party and admirable wherever they are found. In his present deliverance Governor ALCORN is particularly happy and strong. He makes a gallant and masterly defense of Mississippi, and of civil law as against bayonet rule, fairly spitting General AMES, his predecessor, and holding him up for the scorn of honest men of every persuasion. The letter is taken from the New York Tribune, which treated it to a series of unfair but characteristic comments. No man can read it without respect for the writer and contempt for the wretched impostor whom he exposes.

The Radical Declaration of War.

The passage of the Kuklux bill and rejection of the general amnesty bill furnish conclusive proof of the campaign policy on which the Radicals mean to rely next year. The Kuklux bill is expected to foment disturbance in the South which will supply a pretext for the refusal of amnesty; and the relations of the people of the two sections thus muddled, the bayonet election law may be brought to bear upon the ballot-box with a show of necessity if not of justice. This is the warlike strategy to which we have so often referred. It is a scheme made up partly of the spirit of eternal hate and partly of the lust of eternal rapine, a hideous revolutionary scheme, the more hideous because it is brutal, the more cruel because it is deliberate, appealing to the wicked passions of the Northern people and the venal desires of the Radical politicians.

The New York Times complains of the "vehemence" with which we described the Kuklux bill when the announcement of its adoption by the Senate came to us over the wires. Reflection, however, suggests no modification of our remarks made on that occasion. It is impossible to regard the measures with any other sentiments than those of horror, amazement and disgust—horror at its belligerent features, amazement at such an imposition on the credulity and patience of the people, and disgust at the corruption which permeates the whole thing from beginning to end.

The rejection of amnesty and the passage of the Kuklux bill fix the lines of battle where we have placed them from the first. The Democratic party is the party of liberal impulses; the party of tolerance, nationality and peace; the party of union and order through local self-government; the party of progress in constitutional freedom and law; the party of honesty, humanity and generous ideas in political and civil economy. The Radical party is the party of eternal hatred, disunion and strife; the party of public pillage and private wrong; the party of vengeance, rapacity and double-dealing; the party with a wooden head and an iron heart; the party whose morality is represented by BEN BUTLER and whose intelligence is represented by ULYSSES S. GRANT, and whose entire fabric embraces an organized plot against the liberties and property of the people. Proscription is the first step in the forward movement of the politicians against free thought and free speech. The Kuklux bill is confiscation in embryo. The Radical leaders have named GRANT dictator. They have set up a machine for suppressing all the forms of republicanism as soon as it becomes necessary to carry out their design. They refuse to give up power without a fight, and they propose to terrify the country by the bloody spectacle of civil war.

The people of the North may choose between the promise of peace offered by a change of rulers and the certainty of blood shed and the overthrow of our government as matters are going. The South is powerless. The free States must fight it out. The Kuklux bill is a declaration of war on the South; it makes the Southern States slave States once more; the bayonet election law is a proclamation of the vassalage of all the people to the Radical leaders. A peaceful outpouring of citizens at the ballot-box may stay the course of the violent revolution which Congress is precipitating on the country. Nothing else can. The Radicals mean office or blood, and are recklessly heedless of consequences; and the issue of free government, thus made up, must go to the people for final arbitrament.

The war for the Union was not a war for the preservation of the government, but a war for a chance to test the quality of free government upon the field of revolution now presented to the people.

A Hopeless Enterprise.

The New York World is going over the ground which we plowed last summer. It will find the soil marvelously sterile. There is neither fruit nor flower to be got out of the clods it is turning up, and, before it is done with them, it will find its efforts to harrow them into a show of regularity will not be worth its care and toil.

Nothing can be plainer than the interest of the Democratic party with respect to the question of negro suffrage, which is unfortunately discussed just enough to furnish the Republicans a convenient scarecrow, but not enough to amount to anything strong and real. In the North public sentiment is all one way; and in the South, except among a handful of local politicians who are not considering the matter in its national bearing, there is as little diversity of sentiment. The intelligence of the country is able to hit upon no practicable scheme for getting rid of the organic part of the measure which has been put upon us, and therefore, without conceding its justice or wisdom, a sound public policy pronounces in favor of at least a fair test. Even Gen. BLAIR, the most intrepid of the Democratic leaders, takes this view of it, whilst all the Democratic newspapers of influence and all the Democratic politicians of character in the Northern States, where the Presidential battle is to be fought, are committed to it.

We can not undo these things. If we could find a plain and safe road through them or around them, we might take it. But, in the absence of any such outlet, we have to determine whether we shall display the childish folly of seeming to hide our real purposes when the whole world sees them, or whether, with an utter disregard of consequences, we boldly avow them, or whether, doing the best we can, we abandon our wishes for our interests and march up to the issue and meet it with that resolute and sober though regretful common sense which tells us it is all that we can do if we would save the remains of our political fortunes from absolute ruin.

Very few intelligent persons in the South have any faith in universal suffrage. As applied by martial law to districts packed with ignorance and passion, it has thus far worked deplorable results. The slave was not fit for citizenship, and the citizen thus suddenly created was not fit for suffrage. There should have been a probationary term and suffrage should have come, if at all, by a domestic and natural, not a vindictive, coercive, federal process. But, in spite of the argument against it, the work of enfranchisement was accomplished; fair or foul, it was introduced into the national Constitution; fair or foul it has been taken into most of the State constitutions. How shall we get rid of it short of revolution? Are we prepared for that revolution, and, even though we should be, is it certain that we should gain more than we might lose by it?

These are questions to be considered by the Democracy of the South as they have already been decided by the Democracy of the North, and to be determined, with all the light of experience, of passing events and of future contingencies.

It would be easy for us to make a little capital by affecting to blind the eyes of our people to the true state of affairs. Bravado is always pleasing and in this case would be exceeding cheap. The glitter of defiance, the glow of indignant virtue, the earnestness and force of violent feeling, when adroitly handled, may be made effective in pushing the ambition of a politician and increasing the popularity of a newspaper. If such appliances only were as well as they look they would be sufficient to equip a powerful engine in public affairs, and even as it is they have their disciples and their uses. But they are thoroughly ephemeral and illusory, and in the long run generally come to grief of some sort. That which lasts is that which is less dazzling but more solid; not the eloquent declamation of the rhetoricians which tickles the ear of the multitude for a moment, but the quiet statement of facts and truths which so often spoils our finest touches of sentiment and our noblest outgivings of poetic and patriotic fire. We cannot, employ either a thrifty falsehood or display a mock ardor as a matter of newspaper enterprise. We know the impressive nature of our people—their high-strung nerves and impulsive temperament and gallant spirit—well enough to be sure that, by working upon it and cajoling it, we might seem to be a very apostle of faithfulness and pluck. Nay, we know the sorrows and afflictions of the South well enough to see how easy it would be to lash the popular heart into a frenzy of mutiny and rage, and all to our profit and the public loss. God knows the South has been more sinned against than sinning. But, whilst keeping this in mind,—whilst sharing the distress and sympathizing with the griefs of the South,—we have also to note the course of those current events which bear upon our practical concerns. The watcher in the light-house, that rises up out of a fiery flood of dangerous billows, must fix his lamp so as to pour a steady glare upon the darkness, not seek to rival the howling of the winds and waves with a puling boatman's horn or penny-trumpet, and in like manner the watcher in the press, with the roar of passion and the play of interests moving round about him, should strive to keep his temper and his reckoning, shedding all the time light, not darkness, on the scene.

This we have striven to do. Long ago we saw, or thought we saw, the futility of a crusade against negro suffrage. We took all the risks of making our opinions known; and now, on the threshold of the great national conflict for which the politicians have been training so long, we ask them were we right or wrong, and is the issue to be made squarely against negro suffrage or in favor of a fair trial of the experiment? We cannot hope to escape the question. The Republicans hold the edge on us by reason of their power to force reconstruction once more upon the country, and we must decide whether we will call or not take the chances of raising and going several hundreds better. We are for seeing negro suffrage; for seeing what it is worth; for making it show its hand; for giving it time for a full test under the civil law, and we are for this because we have no means of raising and going better, the Republicans outholding and outbidding us every time we try the game of bluff. In other words, we are not prepared for a revolution; and there is no saying that it would secure us what we want. Our greatest need is the restoration of our domestic freedom. Our sorest trouble is not the negro but the Federal Government. If we are left alone to set our house in order we shall find little difficulty in dealing, in a local way, with questions which, as treated in a hostile spirit by a remote and ill-advised Congress, seem to contain the essence of all evil.

But it is useless for the World to try to impress these truths on the class of people it has undertaken to instruct. They do not want to be instructed. They find that the display of superior fidelity and virtue is profitable in a small way, and, being pretty much threadbare in other respects, they prefer to stick to the heroic. Presently, when they have been denuded of their specious, verbose finery, they will turn to billingsgate, and then the World will catch it as we did last year, getting itself covered all over with "negro fly sirup" and "black-and-tan veneering," diversified by such pleasant ornaments as "mongrel" and "cravven," and this from political critics whose assumption of political wisdom and morality is not much better, though certainly it can be not any worse, than their assumption of chivalry and breeding,

"Wherein, like harlots, they do perk themselves
In ailment splendid, varied and medieval,"

Kentucky and the Country.

Presently a Democratic State Convention will assemble at Frankfort. We do not apprehend that it will do anything unwise or even heedless. In spite of all that is said to the contrary, it is a significant fact that the intelligence of a political organization rules it. The convention will adopt either the Congressional address, or something like it, as the basis of its action. It will perpetrate no obsolete follies nor indulge in any cheap explosive bombast. Business is business, and the work which lies before us calls for the method of prudence as well as the inspiration of faith.

Hitherto we have not thought that harmony has been most needed here in Kentucky. Too often is it that harmony means stagnation, and stagnation generally implies the slow and unseen but sure process of corruption going on somewhere. We have had two or three questions that demanded agitation. That agitation risked nothing with a majority of fifty or sixty thousand on our side and was better done at home where we were untangled by any outside interests than deferred to a period when it might compromise others and cause either a break or an awkward job of patch-work done hastily in presence of the enemy. The local discussions of the last two years have done us good, not harm. They have educated public opinion to a point of national fellowship which it lacked two years ago. They have shown us where we stand. They have made us acquainted with ourselves and with each other. They have disposed of some questions and composed some differences. We find ourselves to-day, by a process of rugged but reciprocal instruction, in accord with the Democratic press of the whole State on all of the great issues of the day. We are genuinely rejoiced at this. It gives us undisguised pleasure, for no one has regretted the asperities of the controversies we have had more than ourselves; and, as those have been given as well as received, and as we have at no time furnished the public reason to believe that we would shirk a contest where a contest seemed to us essential to the ends of justice and truth, we shall not be misunderstood, we feel assured, when we say that we are at this moment animated by nothing but sentiments of kindness and respect for all our Kentucky colleagues, and when we entreat them to join with us heartily in the preparations which are going forward for the coming year.

Our hope is, as our hope has been, that Kentucky will play something more than the part of a magazine of electioneering capital for the Radicals. No constant reader of ours can doubt that, whatever of error has entered into our counsel, that counsel has been guided from the first by this primal consideration. We leave the same candid and informed observance to decide whether we have been wise or otherwise in our view of the course and tendency of current events. On that point we are not at all sensitive, for we have had no pride of opinion to gratify and no special scheme to work out. What we have sought has been the nationality of Kentucky. What we desire is to see the State take her stand in the national Democratic convention as a fore-figure, not a dead weight to be carried with excuses. We want to have Kentucky at the entrance of the grand pavilion, not off to itself, a little side-show with a dark lantern, having a hand-organ out of accord with the music of the orchestra. In a word, we do not wish to behold in Kentucky a sort of modern edition, in the Union of to-day, of what South Carolina was to the old Union, isolated and full of cranks and sims, always at war with the Democratic party and a constant load in our national campaigns.

The Democracy of Kentucky can afford to be wise and liberal, for cause they are strong. If we are wise and liberal our position and strength will give us immense prestige before the country. *That* all of us should strive for. We must bring out our most representative men. We must curb the restless, the indiscreet and the demagogic. We can't afford any foolishness now. What we have done these last two years has been our own affair, a household matter with which no one has had anything to do but ourselves. What we do henceforward will involve our friends all over the country. So we must keep wide awake and duly sober. The beard is bound to come if the handle doesn't break, and we will have to look sharply to the handle.

The May convention will come fresh from the people. It will be a most conscientious, respectable and conservative body of citizens. Out of it the State forces will take their start for the new campaign, marching forward with the National column which will move only to the music of peace and freedom, embracing every State of the Union and every man who is able to call himself an American citizen.

The Cause of the Insurrection.

Late French papers and correspondence explain in some measure the strange fact why the inhabitants of Paris suffer the insurgents to have their own way in that city, although the Communists, as has been shown in the last elections, in which not one-tenth of the ordinary voting population participated, are but a comparatively insignificant minority. It seems that even the more orderly classes of the Parisians were extremely dissatisfied with the National Assembly from various reasons and were not disinclined to look with favorable eyes upon everything that might injure or destroy it.

One of the most numerous and influential classes of the *citoyens* of Paris are the smaller shop-keepers and retail dealers. Their number in that city is unusually great, as they depend not so much on the native retail trade, as upon the custom of the countless strangers that continually flocked to the gay metropolis on the Seine, in the days of her splendor. The long siege and the interruption of travel have of course played havoc with their affairs, and brought them to the verge of ruin. During the siege, however, the prolongation of their debts and the order preventing the collection of rents afforded them some relief, and, after the siege was raised, they asked for another term of grace. This was not granted to them by the National Assembly, and hence their hatred. Besides, the Parisians were indignant at the distrust of the Assembly, which later events have fully justified, and which prevented the removal of the seat of the Assembly to Paris. Although the efforts of M. THIERS had, to a certain degree, lessened this bitterness toward him, his colleagues, JULES FAVRE, SIMON and PICARD, the former members of the Government of National Defense, were more than unpopular. The Parisians accuse them of having deceived the country in regard to the true state of things in the capital, and of having neglected to take advantage of the immense resources which were offered them by the good will of the population. That all the sufferings they have endured were in vain; that the capitulation was signed in spite of the many hecatombs that fell around Paris, and in spite of the rats and the horrible black bread the Parisians subsisted on, is a thorn in the flesh of every Parisian. The hatred borne their old chiefs is said to be so violent that there is scarcely a Parisian who would not have cheered to see Generals TROCHU and DUCROT suffer the fate of LECOMTE and CLEMENT THOMAS who, were by no means so unpopular.

The National Guards of Paris, besides these reasons, still had another grievance against the Government of Versailles They were not allowed to choose their own officers, and in consequence they were favorable to a party that promised them the fulfillment of their desires. As to the regulars, they were less disciplined than the National Guards. For the most part new levies, they did not possess that *esprit de corps* of old regiments, particularly as the defeats they have suffered do not cement that union among soldiers which is always the consequence of victories. The frequent changes of commanders made by GAMBETTA had kept them still more asunder, and made their officers strangers to them, so that they fell a willing prey to the demagogues that incited them to disobedience. Hence their disaffection, which insured the temporary success of the insurgents.

The above facts serve to give us a closer insight into the Parisian insurrection, which, at a first glance, would appear utterly inexplicable.

Out in the Cold.

We called attention to the fact, a day or two ago, that the three Kentuckians most distinguished in the annals of their country are not at this time known even to the affairs of their State. All three happen to be Democrats; and we may add, for this is a circumstance which bears directly on what we are going to say, that each followed the fortunes of the Southern Confederacy. We refer, of course, to JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE, WILLIAM PRESTON and HUMPHREY MARSHALL.

How far they themselves may be responsible for their absence from the front, and how far that absence may result from indifference on their part, or be the natural and inevitable consequence of the Federal ban under which they rest, we can not say. Perhaps they are moved more or less by considerations of personal convenience, joined to a sense of proscription, which keep them aloof from active political concerns and deaden their sympathies with current partisan transaction. To be thoroughly efficient and useful every man needs to have at least the liberty enjoyed by his fellow-men to reap the fruit of his efforts. Abstract patriotism is a good moral prompter but not a very energetic agent in the work of government. A curious part of measures of attainder is that they do not serve their protested object and embolden the vicious and the dangerous. These are generally crafty enough and thrifty enough to make their peace with the pardoning power and evade the terms of the disabling act, which reaches only those whose obstinate integrity of opinion or elevated pride of character, or sensitive modesty of nature, forbids them to lie and fawn, or brow-beat and bully their way into the graces of the strong and the favor of the great.

This is the trouble with the Fourteenth amendment; and as amnesty is to enter largely into the next Presidental struggle, we may as well begin to discuss it in its personal application. In this spirit, and for this purpose, we have not to go far from home to find the three striking illustrations we have named; three famous public men; all Democrats; all Confederates; each an attractive speaker; and no one of them so much as a delegate in the coming State convention.

This is an anomaly that bodes no good. It is of ill omen. It is, in a certain sort, a blot on Kentucky and a misfortune to the cause of freedom which is to be fought for by the forces of local self-government against the forces of centralizing despotism, and needs to be strengthened by its best representatives and enlightened by its broadest and most palpable examples. The three men are very liberal as well as very conspicuous. They are not really obscured. But just enough is seen of them to furnish Radical theologians with texts whereon to preach sermons of eternal hate. BRECKINRIDGE, PRESTON and MARSHALL, as speechless obeliks, are good aggravators. In their own persons they would be admirable missionaries. The mistake we made in 1868 was in keeping such men at home. We must not make that mistake next year. They should be sent into the North, that the people may see them and hear them, that they may themselves answer the calumnies by which they are used to ferment the popular passion. There is no one of them but would make Democratic voters in New England. Shut out from the North, however, they are likely to be not only misreported and misunderstood when speaking in the South, but to be affected by the depressing and morbid influences which belong to a state of abridged personal freedom.

But meanwhile we must get them in motion. At this moment they are like three bumps on a log, very conspicuous, but of no use to anybody but themselves and their immediate surroundings. If they won't come out they ought to be prized out with the entering wedge of public opinion, and behind them are a number of others good though less conspicuous illustrations of the unwisdom of the Fourteenth amendment, such men as DUKE and GRIGSBY and MACHEN and KOPPER and CHENOWETH and the younger BRECKINRIDGES and a dozen more, all of whom are notable for their liberality, and each of whom would make capital for us if turned loose in a canvass to go at will from place to place.

It is for free government, whose desecration is done in the persons of these men, that the fight is to be made. Therefore we must have them on the stump to be seen and heard, not as noisy ranters who are merely making a pretense, but as earnest pleaders, who feel what they say because they are the actual victims of oppression, who alone represent the true position of the Southern people.

The Kuklux Atrocity.

The most atrocious piece of legislation which has blackened the annals of the Congress of the United States has just passed into a law of the land. The Kuklux bill, which strikes down States and citizens alike, carries us back into the middle ages. It is an act of war. By it, all that freedom dreads is possible. Under it, every outrage upon person and personal liberty may be easily and safely accomplished.

And yet, in spite of all this, it creates not half so much ado as the appointment of a negro mail agent on the line of communication between Louisville and the capital of Kentucky.

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For some years past a small class of exceptionally observant and thoughtful Englishmen have betrayed signs of deep secret solicitude in regard to the condition and prospects of their country. At first this uneasiness was not openly confessed, but the critical and dispassionate eyes of foreigners had no difficulty in perceiving that its poison and horror were creeping through the best and wisest thought of England. The opening scenes of the Crimean war marked a new point of departure in the fortunes of the decaying Mistress of the Seas—almost of the world. The blundering incompetency and helplessness then displayed actually stunned for a time the public mind of England. British troops still fought with the same steady valor that had prevailed from Assaye to the Heights of Abraham; but it was only in the animal qualities of courage and endurance that the England of old survived. After the first shock and numbness of the surprise had been passed, the nation roused itself, and, with its half dozen allies achieved, by great effort, a partial success against a single power. The common mind was satisfied with the result. The London Times, after having thundered through its columns day after day, and week after week, the question, "Shall England cease to be a great military power?" subsided into a calm confidence that the interrogatory had been triumphantly answered in the negative. From the signing of the treaty of Paris in 1856 until just now, nothing decisive has occurred to mar the serenity of the average Englishman. With acute and restless intellects the case has been widely different. On every page of England's later history they have read the same prediction and warning. The bullying expedition into Abyssinia did not impose on men like FROUDE and SALISBURY. The trial of the Franco-Prussian war came, and it was found that England had not entirely, as was apprehended in the Crimean war, dropped out temporarily from her ancient place and anchorage, but that she had drifted quite away into inert and tideless seas from which no political sail ever returns. We reprinted the other day a speech by the noble lord last named above, in which he declared that England was effaced from the map of Europe. Thus we have in the House of Lords itself a candid and serious declaration of the conviction to which we have already on several occasions alluded as slowly ripening through the toughness and pride of the British heart.

The declaration of the noble lord was not a mere figure of speech. It was but an official recognition of the most important truth connected with the international politics of our generation. We may expect, of course, that slow and stubborn minds will refuse to see the startling and decisive change which is taking place in the condition of England. The fact of her decrepitude will be denied and laboriously disproved, and we shall be told with an injured air that we are slandering the venerable mother of modern freedom; but she will none the less surely go on sinking into imbecility and practical nonentity, until she reaches—what? It is impossible to answer with precision; but we have Spain, Italy, Greece, Turkey—in a word, all of Southern and Western Europe, to look at as we slowly turn that question over in our minds. It is wonderful to note just this, that, whereas civilization came by slow and gradual progresses from Asia into Europe along the Mediterranean sea and the shores of Southern Europe, she rounded the Spanish peninsula some centuries ago, and then swept with rapid step along the island-dotted coast of the Atlantic; but we fear that the rear of her glittering train has now passed the Rhine, and that she will return to her ancient seats in the Orient exclusively by the northern route. We do not say that this is a fact which is to be regarded with complacency. On the contrary, we believe it to be fraught with great and lasting evils to mankind. Nevertheless, it *is* a fact, and one for which, under existing circumstances, and in the present condition of Western Europe, there is absolutely no remedy.

The day of small things in modern society and politics is past. We have everywhere prodigious masses and forces which no man can gauge or estimate; in every sphere of human thought and action we now verge upon the infinite. No nation can now make war with less than a trifle of a million of men, armed with all the vast physical energies and appliances of our times, while moral forces equally immense urge them in a few weeks through the achievements of years. The first NAPOLEON, almost miraculous in faculty and deed, was the first military fruit of this great development or unfolding of the energies of our modern civilization; but the probabilities are that its later results will be far more marvelous than its first.

With the very first draft made on her by this new movement in human affairs, England was exhausted. She played the giant against the great NAPOLEON, but she has played the valetudinarian and the dotard since. In this day, when nothing can be accomplished by either individuals or nations without a union of large moral and material strength, what has she or either? If she would be respected in peace, she must be terrible in war; and to be terrible in war she must keep up a standing army of a million of trained and experienced soldiers. She could not maintain such a military establishment for a single year. Her debt, her paupers, her growing love of money and trade, in a word, her social and moral valetudinarianism, would not allow her to do so, even if we leave the stubborn British prejudice in favor of freedom quite out of sight.

PARIS.

Serious Disaffection Among the Insurgent Nationals.

Conflicting Rumors of Prussian Evacuation.

an Armistice for the Burial of the Dead Proposed.

The Firing Continued.

Insurgent Manifesto.

PARIS, April 20.—The Commune has issued a manifesto saying that Paris is once more laboring and suffering for regeneration. France demands local autonomy, and encouragement of producers. She does not aim at dictatorship. She desires the decentralized unity of the country. The document pronounces a compromise with the Versailles Government impossible, and closes with an appeal to France to disarm the troops now threatening the capital.

Cholera is anticipated, numerous deaths threatening from kindred diseases.

A Versailles dispatch says Fort Valerian, after a long silence, has resumed the bombardment of Port Maillot.

How Asnieres was Taken.

Another dispatch from Paris says that the taking of Asnieres was accomplished by stratagem, the troops of the line stimulating friendship and fraternizing, and thus passed the outposts of the insurgents without difficulty.

Many buildings at Asnieres have been destroyed.

The Communists are building barricades at Rue Rivoli, and many other streets.

At half-past 2 o'clock on Wednesday there was an engagement along the whole line.

The Bombardment.

A dispatch dated 5:25 p. m., Wednesday says, Valerien and Courbevoie are shelling Paris frightfully.

Its Terrible Effect on the City.

The Arch du Triomphe has fallen and Avenue De Tunis is visited by a shower of shells. Forty civilians have been killed. General Dombrowski still claims a victory, but the Nationals are returning dispirited and disgusted. There has been an awful slaughter. Dombrowski complains of the inefficiency of the officers. The American military resignation was not accepted.

At Neuilly, on Thursday, the Versailles troops were the insurgents within two hundred yards of Paris. Struggliers, mere boys of sixteen, returned, dirty, ragged, and disheartened.

There were awful scenes at the gates at Beaujon hospital. There were shrieks of women, men, screaming hair, uttering loud and shrieks, demanding their husbands, brothers and sons.

Gen. Dombrowski has disappeared, and it is supposed he is dead or wounded.

At last account the Versailles were within one hundred and fifty yards of the ramparts.

Exertions of the Commune.

PARIS, April 21, P. M.—The cannonading is incessant between Clichy and Neuilly, but the expected general attack by the Versailles forces has not yet commenced. The Commune is making immense preparations for the defense, raising more troops, distributing rifles and ammunition, and hastening the manufacture of ammunition.

The Situation.

VERSAILLES, April 21—P. M.—The Versailles army now hold all the offensive positions from Charlebois, south of Paris, to Gennevilliers, north of the capital, and but a short distance from St. Denis.

A mutiny is reported to have occurred among the Communist troops.

The town of Neuilly has been set on fire by shells, and is now burning.

The Fighting Murderous.

LONDON, April 22—In the reports made to the Commons yesterday, Gen. Cluseret claimed to have repulsed the Versailles army at all points. Other accounts declare that the village of Courcelles, on the right bank of the Seine, between Neuilly and Clichy, is filled with wounded.

Destruction of Maillot Gate.

PARIS, April 23.—Port Maillot has been knocked to pieces.

The printing office of the Opinione Nationale has been invaded and the type scattered.

Five hundred million of francs' worth of property has been destroyed within the last few days.

The avenues are filled with wagons containing the wounded.

The War Indemnity.

PARIS, Saturday evening, April 22.—It is rumored that the Versailles Government has paid the first installment of the war indemnity of 500,000,000 francs, and that the German troops, in consequence, are evacuating the forts north and east of the city.

It is also reported that a detachment of gens d'armes has passed through St. Denis, and five of them are on guard duty at the railroad station there. The Commune, however, denies the truth of these reports, and gives out that the gens d'armes, who seem to be marching northward, went no further than Guennevilliers.

Progress of Investment.

It is supposed that the Versailles Government intends to complete the investment of the city, and cut off all communication with the interior. Batteries on both sides are in active operation at Neuilly and Sablonville to-day. Musketry fire is heard at intervals, and the fighting is reported within a hundred yards of the ramparts.

Intestine Troubles Among the Insurgents.

The Communist forces hold their ground with great tenacity. They complain of the maladministration of the War Office, and begin to accuse Cluseret of aiming at a military dictatorship. The Commune has made a requisition on the Gas Company, and intends to levy by seizing 200,000,000 francs at the office of the company.

Armistice for Burial of the Dead.

VERSAILLES, April 23, P. M.—Rain has fallen without cessation all day. No military event of importance is reported.

In the Assembly to-day Minister Picard expressed his willingness to agree to a suspension of hostilities for the burial of the dead.

Second Unsuccessful Riot at Marseilles.

LONDON, April 23, 11 A. M.—Another attempt has been made at Marseilles to overthrow the Government and introduce Communes, but it has failed. The insurgents have been arrested, and a large quantity of ammunition which they had concealed in a ruined castle, near St. Antonio, has been seized.

PARIS, April 23.—The situation of the belligerents remains unchanged. The Versailles troops are building formidable barricades in Neuilly, and constructing pontoon-bridges at Sareseres and Puteaux. Chateau Bacor, the pivot of their operations, is strongly fortified.

A Truce.

General Cluseret has sanctioned the truce to enable the inhabitants to leave Neuilly.

VERSAILLES, April 23.—The cannonade from Fort Valerien on Saturday was mainly directed against the gates of Arteuil and Pointe du Jour where the insurgents have established batteries. To-day the guns of the fortress were again turned on Porte Maillot, which has been partially repaired.

The rumor that the first installment of the war indemnity has been paid and the northern forts occupied by the Versailles troops is contradicted.

French Mediation.

HAVRE, April 23.—The municipal council of Havre has deputed three of its members to mediate between Paris and Versailles.

The Very Latest.

PARIS, April 23—P. M.—Official reports to the Commune state that the Nationals silenced several of the enemy's batteries on Saturday and repulsed attacks on Forts d'Issy and Vanvres last Thursday night.

The Prussians have ordered strangers to leave St. Denis. No detachment of French troops was there yesterday, as was rumored.

The Republican League has published the details of its proposal for the autonomy of Paris. If President Thiers consents to it, the League will force the Commune to accept it.

Gen. Cecellis has been appointed Commander of Paris, Gen. Bergeret has been released from arrest.

The firing to-day was not heavy.

[TELEGRAPH Special.]

LONDON, April 23—The Tribune's special correspondent at Paris on Sunday evening writes that a heavy artillery duel was kept up all day, the practice being bad, and the shells flying wild. There was a fusilade at Neuilly at close quarters.

An Englishman was shot at Terlea a hundred yards within the gates.

Insubordination in the Insurgent Ranks.

The Montmartre battalions are mutinous, and complain of their hard work and bad armament, and declare they marched recently only because they were forced by the chassepots of the Ballevue battalions. Two battalions last make all deserted to the Versailles.

The commandant of the fourth battalion refused to march to the ramparts. Many similar acts of disaffection have occurred.

Pyat is resigned because the Commune declared the elections valid. A member proposed to arrest him.

A delegation of Freemasons has gone to Versailles to propose an armistice to allow the intabitants of the bombarded village to leave.

The firing of Courbevoie and Besancon on Asnieres is without result.

VERSAILLES, April 23.—The gens d'armes at St. Denis have procured permission from the Prussians to march trains on route to Paris for suspicions foreigners.

The medical students held a meeting yesterday to appoint delegates to confer with the Commune.

Yesterday it was reported at Vincennes that the Prussians had evacuated Fort Nogent, and the inhabitants left in hundreds, fearing a bombardment.

Proposed Bethrothment of Amadeus.

MADRID, April 23.—Castellar announces that he will introduce a motion in the Cortes demanding the dethronement of the King.

VIENNA, April 23.—The Austrian and Hungarian delegates are convoked for the 23d of May.

GRANT'S TOUR.

The President Arrives at Indianapolis and has a Reception.

Mr. Morton Delivers Himself Copiously on the Political Prospect.

Rather a Wild Horoscope of the Situation.

"Signs of the Times.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 23.—The Academy of Music was crowded to its utmost capacity last night at the reception of the President, and a large number of persons were unable to gain admittance. The Hall was handsomely decorated. The Hall was filled for two minutes before 8 the President, accompanied by Senator Morton, Governor Baker, Hon. John Coburn, Judge Lawrence, of Ohio, General Kimball, and a number of other distinguished gentlemen, appeared on the stage. The President was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

After music by the band, his Excellency, Hon. Conrad Baker, Governor, advancing to the stand, said:

Fellow-citizens: We have assembled, as you are aware, for the purpose of ajtesting our respect for the Chief Magistrate of the nation. Turning to Gen Grant he continued: Mr. President, the gentleman having the arrangement for the present occasion in charge have devolved upon me the pleasant and grateful duty to extend upon the part of the people of the capital city and the honored Chief Magistrate of the great and glorious country. We welcome you as the leader of the armies by which we are indebted for the preservation of the Union from dismemberment. We welcome you as the leader of the Republican party, not because they were black Republicans, but because they were human beings. These crimes were perpetrated in violation of the law of Congress and the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, and it was therefore the duty of Congress to protect all citizens everywhere.

In reference to the condition of the country and of parties, I will say that the Government must always be one of parties. Conditions cannot make or unmake issues; they grow out of the interests of the country and public opinion. Parties cannot control issues, their province is to take sides. The questions to be settled by the people of the country are those which have grown out of the war. These are as dead and will not be dead as the Democratic party is willing to accept as accomplished facts

All the settlement questions that caused spring out of the war. That party has anxious to ignore them, but this cannot be done. They must acknowledge the reconstruction acts and the constitutional amendments as a first settlement of the issues before they can be laid aside. The Democratic party dare not deny the acceptance of the situation. The acceptance of the Republican party is the only thing of the party controls the organization, and has always done so. Mr. Stephens, of Georgia, has declared that the South could not and would not accept the Republican adjustment of these issues as final and as willingness to let them alone. On the other hand, the Republicans have performed the great labors and endured the sacrifices of war second those things. The Republican claim to have extricated, simply and alone, the nation from the direct and most fatal dangers, and kept it in the great highway of peace. They are anxious for the future, and constantly strive for it. The Democrats are not aware of the danger, shut their eyes, close their ears, deny the existence of evils, and refuse to correct them. Indeed they want to let them alone. On the contrary, the Republicans have performed the great labors and endured the sacrifices of these dangers, and they saw and appreciated them. They have just passed another act of legislation worthy of their former work—the fifteenth amendment, to help the weak and helpless. The public disorders cattle to be contained in the lease hereby contemplated to be contained in any manner release the said lessors from liability to the Government of the United States of or from compliance with the future exercise of the power to levy taxes. The passage of both Houses as a great grand jury could restore order. The Democrats ought not to subject to the suppression of crimes even by the laws of the United States when the State fails to do the Internal Revenue thereof. Nor shall the lessee be held for damages for the property lessee, arising from any cause whatever.

Article 9. The Board shall have the exclusive power to regulate the sale, as also production of spirits; but no power to control the starting and closing of distilleries, nor the number of bushels each house shall run, and no number, firm or association shall be allowed to start up or continue to run except he has the written consent of the Board of Directors, and shall be required to give bond to be approved by the Board of Directors, and shall be required to report monthly to the Board of Directors, and keep his books and papers in the manner and at the time and place or places as the Board of Directors may direct.

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Article 8. Every member of the association shall, on becoming such, deposit with the secretary as a President and Board of Directors, his or their individual name, for the use of the association, and his or their successor or successors, which shall constitute the property described in the certificate of association on its books, and designating the number of shares in cash and on subscribing, and 15 per cent. shall be deducted from the monthly earnings of such subscription until paid. The stock or per cent. per annum on the amount paid in, payable semi-annually on the 15th day of January and July in each year, and the surplus that may arise beyond 15 per cent. shall be disposed of as hereinafter provided. Special meetings of the stockholders may be called at such times as the President and Directors may appoint, and such meetings shall be called on the written request of one-quarter of the stockholders. All such meetings shall be held at the city where the principal office is located, and the time shall be stated in a printed notice, which shall be transmitted to each stockholder. The annual meeting of the stockholders may be adjourned from time to time. Each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock; and a majority of all votes cast shall elect the Directors, provided each State shall nominate twice the number of Directors to which the State shall be entitled, from which nominees the election shall be made from that State.

Article 9. There shall be a Board of Directors, twenty-one in number, eleven of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, who shall be distributed as follows: The States of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia, one each, and the balance to the South in the full extent of the power of the nation. This proportion was due, not because they were black Republicans, but because they were human beings. These crimes were perpetrated in violation of the law of Congress and the Fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, and it was therefore the duty of Congress to protect all citizens everywhere.

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A SERENADE.

DEVOTED DARWINITE.

...ere, while I chent beneath your
...because you know your father's
...
...My tender strain beneath the
...likely he would style my tune in-
...

Tink-a-tink-a-tink-a-tink!
My tune inopportune!

...ntasy to part us, though they know
...love is true,
...And you're as much attached to me, as I'm at-
...tached to you!
...Ah, would the world could now run back to
...Nature's mor'ning side,
...And we were two Adelaides growing sweetly side
...by side!

Tink-a-tink-a-tink-a-tink!
So sweetly side by side!

...ld, in later ages, when some centuries had
...this epoch of sad and pointed cars, and was a quad-
...rangle,
...I'd gather moss and roots for you—how happy we
...should be,
...While sitting side by side upon the branch of
...some huge tree!

Tink-a-tink-a-tink-a-tink!
The branch of some huge tree!

A Freshman View of Ah Sin.

...Yich I've go to to say—&
...Und I spreches it to-day,
...Dot some noseenses dot durns up
...All der pooblic brain
...Dan dot dirdy Shon shinerman's actions,
...Makes me dake up my mine pen to kom-
...[pine,
...Vot's der good of Dose dings?
...If Shon shinerman peats
...Der heathen Chinee at der Sandabley,
...Because he can scheats
...Like der shirtiest und all of his tribe,
...Shall we scrnieker und shumps off our [seats?

Note! I now dells you someddings,
...Vich you all order see:
...Don' you buy at dose hard-boards,
...Dey tour dimes in dree!
...Der peant hand is hold by anodder—
...Vich I found vas about so mit me.

SMALL TALK.

THE New York Sun says Alexander H. Stephens is not in any respect a great or a wise man.

SUSAN POWERS is reported to be near Boone, Saluking "Eve After the Fall." If some other powers had "finished" that sinful woman before the Flood, the world would have had Hiram and the rest of us a good deal of work.

MR. CARL ROSA, who has been spending the winter in London and Italy, will return to America in August with an opera company, meaning, I believe, to produce English opera on a large scale. The company is to comprise Madame Parepa-Rosa, Madame Vanzin from Covent Garden, a new and very handsome tenor from the Scala, and many other celebrities.—[Tribune Letter.

THE story about General Washington and Governor Posey finds probably more believers in Virginia than anywhere else. But the fact that whether the story be true or not, it certainly tallies with the traditions derived from Washington's neighbors and contemporaries, and which are still current. These traditions in regard to Washington's home life and private character all concur in representing him as a man whose chastity was far from being above suspicion. He was a man, and not a saint. Though a good and a great man, he had his faults. If Governor Posey from all he can, or may be even from all he does, is a libertine, it was not Washington's fault, if we can believe the stories told of him by those who were intimate with his private life.—[Cin. Com. Letter.

A LETTER in the New York Tribune tells this story on Vinnie Ream's statue of Lincoln: "A blunt Englishman and a devout Presbyterian from Illinois were recently lingering each other before the little railing that protects the spotless marble thus abused. The Englishman had been surveying the statue, in silent agony, from every possible point of view. The honest Illinois man was waiting for as to his opinion of the work of art let loose the pent-up torrents of his wrath, and the swearing of the proverbial bold English dragoon was as nothing, for a few minutes, to the performance. The shocked pastor hastened with all his force of persuasion to quell the last oath he blessed out, he took up the word as it simply added, with clerical unction and terror, 'THAT's so!' The profane Briton and the pious pastor understood each other. They agreed on art."

SHOESTRINGS.

They are Proved to be the Curse of America.

[From the Pittsburg Index.]

"A shoestring is a good thing. With what intense admiration have we watched a shoemaker making a pair of shoes for a particular piece of leather. And when he rubbed a little dubbing over the string, twisted it on his knee and made it slick and round, admiration swelled into amazement and delight. Such leather shoestrings have gone out of fashion. A few elderly gentlemen and some impecunious negro men still cling to them, but females of all complexion laugh them to scorn.

"If a shoestring is a good thing, it will be argued that the longer the string the better thing it is. The proposition admits of debate. A sermon, for instance, is often as good as the majority of shoestrings, but no one will contend that the longer a sermon is the better it is. If we take a close look deeply into the matter, we shall find that long shoestrings are the curse of this country.

"Let us therefore look deeply into the matter.

"There are thirty millions of people in the United States. Of these, at least twelve millions are women and children, who wear long and generally rotten cotton shoestrings. The few who can afford to patronize the calf-bound shoestrings is almost out of the account. Now it takes a woman ten minutes to lace up her gaiters, and, as children are restless, it takes much longer to lace their gaiters—say twenty minutes.

"This will be thought an overestimate. But if we reflect that shoes have to be changed several times a day—for no lady can wear the same shoes in the street that she wears in the house—and if we remember that children's strings are always either getting untied or getting in hard knots, we shall find that the estimate is a moderate one. Fifteen minutes, morning and evening, make half an hour a day wasted by each woman and child in lacing and unlacing shoestrings. Men, meanwhile, average three second to each shoe—say twelve seconds ha the twenty-four hours.

"Twelve million half hours make six million hours. Time is money But women's time is not worth much money. We will say then that each hour of women's time is worth one cent. Six millions of cents and sixty thousand dollars wasted every day of the world by the women and children of this nation. There are three hundred and thirteen working days in the year. Three hundred and thirteen times sixty thousand dollars make—what do you suppose? Why, eighteen millions, and seven hundred and eighty thousand dollars—say, in round numbers, nineteen millions—and all through not paying upon this nonsenselacing and pinlacing long rotten cotton shoestrings.

"Said we not truly that long shoestrings were the curse of this country?

"What do you want ladies to go back to slippers and low quarter shoes, and have their stockings eternally full of dirt and coal dust? Or would you have them wear boots, and thus destroy the beauty of the female ankle?

"No, indeed. You greatly mistake us. Not for worlds would we have the ankle look bored or swollen or in the least degree unsymmetrical.

"What then?

"This, namely: Inasmuch as button gaiters, which cost so much more than laced gaiters—a really nice pair of the former cannot be had for less than $6—inasmuch, we say, as button gaiters themselves are obnoxious to the charge of consuming almost as much time and money as laced gaiters, we would do away altogether with the present style of gaiters.

"But the delight of neat, tight ankles must be preserved at all hazards.

"And here is the practical part of the matter.

"It has been discovered of late that rubber retains its elasticity so permanently that it serves for springs almost if not quite as well as steel. Now if vulcanized rubber, similar itself of this persistence of force in rubber, cannot invent something that can be drawn on as quickly as a man's boot, that fits the ankle perfectly, and will continue to fit it without puckering, as the ankle is elastic, as gaiters always does, and without checking the circulation or the insensible perspiration—thus 'drawing' the foot, as the ladies say—if Yankee invention is not competent to the solution of this problem, then we are hugely mistaken.

"Let it be done. The saving of time and temper will be immense. And with the time and money so saved we will be able to pay off the national debt in less than a single two hundred years.

"N. B.—It may be well to add for the benefit of those who may still be inclined to accuse us of overestimating the annual waste of money in women's shoestrings that we have purposely taken the census returns of 1870, in order to be [illegible] The population of the [illegible] is not thirty but thirty-

[illegible]on Tuesday, a little boy, [illegible] seriously injured by the [illegible]der-flash with which he

ECONOMIES OF A GREAT CITY.

The "Amateur Cussin'" Among the London Dustmen.

Mr. James Greenwood, whose sketches under the name of the "Amateur Casual," attracted so much interest a few years ago, has begun to work a new vein in his peculiar field of labor. In the March number of London Society he gives the first of a series of "Studies of Street Life." The subject is the London Dustmen, and the sketch embodies some curious facts, illustrating the economic phases of the daily life of a class that are large in London—necessarily large, because the city is so vast and so populous that immense quantities of material would go to waste, but for the industry of the busy class of refuse-gatherers. The dustmen are not mere scavengers in London; they are members of an organized society, which has a lord for its President, rules and regulations for its guidance, a charitable fund for its sick, and a medal by which its agents are distinguished from impostors—and at the last Christmas season the following remarkable circular was served upon the householders of the city:

"To the Respected Household:

"We, your constant dustmen, bee to remin you that this season has arriv'd, when you so kindly grastify us with your bounty. At the same time we take the liberty of cautioning you against the imposition of persons who call themselves dustmen, but are merely scavengers. Wherever calls for the paper please ask to see a show his medal, which has a figure of Britannia in one side, a portrait of Lord —— on the othe, and you will deeply oblige your late & present servants.

Mr. Greenwood says of this hint for a Christmas gift, that "it is cheering to discover that the celebrated 'Literary Dustman,' who, if memory lies not, did much in vain to demonstrate the advantages attending a humble education and the cultivation of refinement, though in a soil no more promising than the dust-bin, has left behind him a name to be handed down to posterity on the point of a bit of blue ribbon round the neck of our 'constant dustman,' bidden by the grimy touch that covers his manly bosom. His go to the seasons, and our 'constant!' Not your 'respectful,' or your 'grateful,' or your 'dutiful dustman; but your 'constant dustman.'"

The following paragraphs have a touch of the comic:

"The appearance of the girls and the women at work at the dreadful heaps is a sight to remember. Their costume is decidedly picturesque. Manly garb is quite as commonly seen adorning their bulky bodies as flimsier though orthodox raiment. The oddest part of the whole is that the dustmen, if they are in rags of every shape and hue (it was winter time, and the snow was lying thick on the ground when I first visited them), and many of them with tattered old coats and waistcoats somehow bound or buttoned about their persons, as regards the men, and shawls or women especially, there appeared a desperate attempt to be in the 'fashion' in the matter of half-dressing and bonnet-wearing.

"I have no idea who was the genius that invented and introduced to polite society the unsightly abomination, the chignon; but in a person of such exquisite taste, there would doubtless be found the most delicate sensibility, and what a terrible shock it would cause him to see his idol crowning the sconces of the dark-browned mountain of dust! No modest little bunches of padded hair, but enormous protrusions as large almost as the head itself, and composed of coarse tow and hair falling off in consequence of the violent oscillations of the young artists by means of a 'hair set,' the meshes of which, crusted with the dust, were as thick as packing twine. I think I never witnessed so strong an instance of the debasing influence of fashion, except in the same time since I was present at a field convict prison, and noticing a difference in the trowsers of the close-cropped one who attended chapel on Sunday, was informed that it was not at all uncommon for prisoners to somehow procure a needle, and with fine strands of oakum for thread, remodel the legs of their unmentionables, tightening them at the knee, and making them 'set' over the instep, for the fashion in the free world when they last experienced the felicity of treading its paths."

The earnings of the "hill women," as they are called, average about sixteen pence sterling (25 cents) per day, and on this small sum many of them support families, with the aid of the wood, which they carefully sift from the dust heaps, and occasional "pickings." It is asserted that they are, as a body, a healthy class of people, and on this point Mr. Greenwood gives the subjoined information. He says:

"It is at least a comfort to learn that in the face of these hardships, those unlucky creatures, driven to seek a crust in our dust-bins, are not only ordinarily, but extraordinarily healthy. No less a personage than Dr. Lankester informs us that he has given close and particular attention to the class in question, and that they are the healthiest portion of the working population. This, as regards the 'hill-women,' of the men, the dustmen 'and servers,' he reports them 'a healthy, ruddy-complexioned race, the healthiest set of men I have ever seen.' He even goes the length of asserting that experience and observation justifies him in declaring that no score of selected London tradesmen could be found to match the same number of dustmen brought casually together. Indeed, as often as shown that individuals employed at the nastiest of work enjoy perfect immunity from the most virulent diseases, that it is hard to understand what it is that breeds fever and pestilence.

"Somewhere at Lambeth, a few years since, there lived a bone-boiler, or rather, who likewise a bone-boiler and a maker of soap, and beside all this, did a large business in the manufacture of bone-dust manure; by the agency of sulphuric acid on the fish and the combined odors arising from these manufactures induced the neighbors to send the Sanitary Inspector to speak with the bone-boiler, who he was summoned to appear before a magistrate and show cause why, as a bone-boiler and crusher he should not be indicted and prosecuted with all the promptitude of a man who holds the reins of victory in his hands. He had not one argument to show in justification of his right to keep his bones crushing and his tanks bubbling; he brought with him nine distinct arguments, not one of which could be gainsaid, namely, a wife and family of eight girls and boys with their mother.

"The good lady herself had been installed mistress of the bone mill as soon as, with her enterprising husband, she returned from her wedding tour, and never since had she, for a single hour, been away from it. Instead of children were born on the premises, and there they were well grown and perfectly jolly and healthy, and not one of them had ever known what serious illness was. Moreover, there was forthcoming ample medical testimony to the effect that during the prevalence of cholera at and in Lambeth, the neighborhood not a single one of the many 'hands' employed about the awful smelling concern was in the least affected. It is very extraordinary."

☞ Fanny Janauschek sailed for Europe last week with the intention of spending the summer at some of the German watering places. She will be the leading dramatic star of the American stage next season. The following list will show how successful her last engagements were: Boston, played 4 Troy four times, commencing Dec. 8, and received for her share $5,000; at Buffalo seven times, commencing Dec. 19, and received $5,000; Louisville, 20, five times, $3,900; Washington, Dec. 28, four times, $3,500; Cleveland, Jan. 15, six times, $4,580; Albany, Jan. 30, seven times, $6,800; Chicago, Feb. 6, seven times, $2,000; Indianapolis, Feb. 16, four times, $2,000; Terre Haute, Feb. 13, three times, $1,800; Kansas City, Feb. 21, four times, $2,400; St. Louis, Feb. 27, eight times, $9,800; Cincinnati, March 20, seven times, $5,300. This makes a total of $53,300, from which deducting $20,000 as expenses, leaves for net profit $34,300 in little over three months.

REMARKABLE STATEMENT.

Napoleon to Restore the Pope, and the Pope to Restore Napoleon.

THIERS IN THE PLOT.

[World Rome Letter, March 28.]

The following remarkable statement appears in this day's republican journal, La Capitale, purporting to be a revelation from the Vatican. Without being in a position to vouch for the truth of any statements that appear in the above-named paper, there seems enough of probability about it to give it a certain amount of interest and importance:

Saturday last, the 25th, early in the morning, Father Beckx received a courier from France (further on we shall have occasion to say who are the couriers of the Jesuits and the Vatican) bearing two dispatches, one from Colonel Charette, the other from Thiers. Charette stated in his that he had come to an understanding with the ex-emperor Napoleon regarding the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope. Napoleon himself confessed that the Galilean clergy had led him into error, and said that he was ready to give up all the papers he held compromising certain ecclesiastics noted for their Gallicanism, and especially the Archbishop Monsignor Darboy, in order that the Papal court might be enabled to take such measures against them as might be felt needful. The dispatch ended with a full restoration to be thus: That Pius IX should embrace liberal views with respect to the temporal power, and that the Catholic clergy believe that advantage should be taken of the circumstances of the Ecumenical Council being still pending to obtain from that assembly a proclamation of a decree for restoration, so that Pius IX might appear to make concessions only to the wishes of the Catholic bishops. Charette promises to lead Old Nick down to Paris to restore the Napoleonic government. He earnestly desires the Jesuits to open negotiations through the bishops of Orleans and other volunteers of the Catholic crusade may be sheltered, so as to be ready at a given time, when the Roman question is matured, to burst out at once all over the peninsula. "Rest assured," concludes Colonel de Charette, "that within three months' time Napoleon will be thrown once more in Paris."

The dispatch of M. Thiers is addressed to Charette. In this Thiers states that he trusts entirely in him, and that in exchange for the good offices asked for the restoration of order he should be permitted to make his attempt to re-establish the temporal power of the Pope.

Father Beckx, on receipt of the above dispatches, hastened at once, ill as he is, to the Vatican, and in the afternoon a council was held in the Convent of the Gesu, at which two other fathers only were present—namely, the Father Secretary and the Father Procurator of the Jesuits, when affairs of deep importance are to be discussed, the council is only to consist of three members until a general council and two others nominated for the purpose. Father Beckx having been subjected for some time from a dangerous illness and apprehension of his death the two fathers councillors have been resident here in Rome.

In this council of three Father Beckx, communicated the news that he had finally said that God hereby evidently opened up a vista of lively hope for the restoration of the temporal power, and that it was now the duty of all to bestir themselves. They have to thank Thiers entirely for this result, which even your fashionable novel is no longer endurable. The average novels built upon Mr. Trollope's foundation are, of course, still more insipid. Interesting as the subject must be barely escapes from falling into this novelistic slough of despair, so closely does he adhere to the common-place of English society. Those who simply photograph this same society in a very bad light, and utterly repudiate the idea of painting in the negative which Mr. Trollope certainly has, only give us pictures which are as monotonous as would be a panorama of the alkali desert of the great west.

Yesterday morning at 5 o'clock the courier left Rome with the reply of the Jesuits to Thiers.

The couriers of the Jesuits are the nuns of the Sacre Coeur, and they are the bearers to and fro of messages from the Vatican. The office is the Trinita de Monti. This does not however exclude the use made by the Jesuits of the ordinary mail facilities. Charette is employe in the Passport-office. It is scarcely necessary to add that the news which we here communicate is our readers is in perfect accordance with the Bonapartist attempts that tempters Napoleon has been writing to win the hearts of his soldiers, about whom he has been writing of late in the manner Mr. Forsyth recompensed in a measure regulated by the valor shown by them on the battlefield, as well as by the number of the enemy they together occupied in collecting troops for an attack upon Rome.

There is by no means be a surprise to any one should M. Thiers turn Bonspartist. He is still the author of the History of the Consulate and the Empire.

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE.

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THE AVERAGE NOVEL.

What It Is, Where It Comes From, and How It is Made.

The Average Novel, we are glad to believe comes from England. The American productions in this field are either too good, though this is rare, or too bad, which is very frequent, to be classed in this category. But England furnishes us with large quantities which seem to be in the same condition that Mr. Theodore Tilton believes Grant's administration to be. They are tolerated, and when a novel is tolerated, and comes from abroad, it is usually extensively read.

An English writer of note has lately published a book entitled "The Novels and Novelists of the Eighteenth Century," in which he takes up Fielding, Richardson, Smollett, and other well-known writers of that time, endeavoring to apply their characters and inventions in illustration of the manners and morals of their age. He might nearly as well have taken the police reports of the same age and presented them as mirrors of the society o the day. He might just as well have taken the novels of to-day and considered them as reflecting the prevailing society habits, and sentiments of the present time, and we all know how absurd that would be. Mr. Forsyth has concluded from his observation of the society of the eighteenth century through the novels of the time that it was more corrupt than the society of the present day, from which we can only infer that Mr. Forsyth has not studied modern novels. Had he done so, his conclusion might have been exactly the opposite.

THE MODELS.

Mr. Chas. Reade, Mr. Anthony Trollope, Mr. Disraeli, are certainly not average novelists. They stand, each in his own way, head and shoulders above them. But these gentlemen are responsible for the production of the models upon which the average novels, exaggerating their faults and entirely eliminating their virtues, are formed. Mr. Disraeli's "Lothair" has been the progenitor of scores of "fashionable" novels, in which nothing less than an "Hon." finds representation. This "aristocratic" school, which has been very popular ever since the success of "Lothair," is supplied by ladies and gentlemen who are themselves members of the *haut ton* in good standing, but perhaps of cramped families; and that their pictures are lifelike may be imagined from the utter insipidity of the characters, dialogue, and plot. Then we have the "purpose" novel, in which the object to be attained, according to the full of the Jesuits, when affairs of deep importance are to be discussed, the council is only to consist of three members until a general council and two others nominated for the purpose. Father Beckx having been subjected for some time from a dangerous illness and apprehension of his death the two fathers councillors have been resident here in Rome.

In this council of three Father Beckx, communicated the news that he had finally said that God hereby evidently opened up a vista of lively hope for the restoration of the temporal power, and that it was now the duty of all to bestir themselves. They have to thank Thiers entirely for this result, which even your fashionable novel is no longer endurable. The average novels built upon Mr. Trollope's foundation are, of course, still more insipid. Interesting as the subject must be barely escapes from falling into this novelistic slough of despair, so closely does he adhere to the common-place of English society. Those who simply photograph this same society in a very bad light, and utterly repudiate the idea of painting in the negative which Mr. Trollope certainly has, only give us pictures which are as monotonous as would be a panorama of the alkali desert of the great west.

Yesterday morning at 5 o'clock the courier left Rome with the reply of the Jesuits to Thiers.

The couriers of the Jesuits are the nuns of the Sacre Coeur, and they are the bearers to and fro of messages from the Vatican. The office is the Trinita de Monti. This does not however exclude the use made by the Jesuits of the ordinary mail facilities. Charette is employe in the Passport-office. It is scarcely necessary to add that the news which we here communicate is our readers is in perfect accordance with the Bonapartist attempts that tempters Natoleon has been writing to win the hearts of his soldiers, about whom he has been writing of late in the manner Mr. Forsyth recompensed in a measure regulated by the valor shown by them on the battlefield, as well as by the number of the enemy they together occupied in collecting troops for an attack upon Rome.

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BONNER AND HIS HORSES.

A Morning with the Great American Horse Fancier—Marvels of Speed and Beauty.

AN EXPENSIVE HOBBY.

[Hamilton Bushey in the Toledo Blade.]

It was a damp, cloudy morning in March. Stepping from a Fifth-avenue stage I crossed to the west side of the city, following Twenty-seventh street. Beyond Eighth avenue I halted in front of a high fence inclosing a brick building. I looked at my watch, and the hands pointed to half-past eight o'clock. I rapped on the door, and then waited probably a full minute for the summons to be answered.

I heard the springing of the lock, and then the door was cautiously opened by a lad, who looked inquiringly into my face.

"Is Mr. Bonner in?"

"Yes, sir."

The next moment the door had closed behind me, and I was crossing the walk or alley between the fence and the stable. The stable is of brick, two and a half stories high, and plainly but substantially built. The sliding doors were pushed back about one-third the full distance, and, as I looked through the opening, I saw a stout-shouldered gentleman, short of stature, bending eagerly over the foot of a horse.

"Good morning, Mr. Bonner," I said.

The round smiling face turned at the salute, and the form straightened up, and with a hand with "Good morning, Mr. B.; I see you keep your appointment spite of rain and mud."

"Oh, rain does not harm me. Looking after the feet of the King?" and I nodded toward the horse.

"Yes. I always superintend the shoeing of my horses. As a lot the farriers are so bad that I cannot find it in my nature to trust them. As I am about to shoe or have shod the king of trotters stood quietly munching them until the shoeing was finished." Mr. Bonner then had the horse taken out, in order that I might see the form of the horse. What a splendid animal! He stands fifteen hands one inch and a half, in color a glossy brown, in face, ears, and four white feet, the white running well up the legs; a large clean head, and bright prominent eyes, and nostrils that dilate like a flash courage and wisdom. Muscled like a giant, and as smoothly-limbed as a thoroughbred, the King of Trotters is now in his fifteenth years of age, he's justin his prime. He was bred in Orange county, New York; his sire, Hambletonian, his dam a mare by dam a mare by American Star. The stores about him being a Clay are pure fiction. Dexter never looked better in his life than he did on the stone-paved alley in Mercer. Mr. Bonner welcomed me to his stable. The horse has the freedom of a light warm, and roomy box.

We walked down the broad hall or aisle, and found Dexter into his box. Mr. Bonner then gave me a stump speech in front of door of the apartment adjoining the King's and called "Come pet your pet."

The beautiful gray mare, Peerless, fashioned in the model of the Arabian steed, pricked up her ears, and came bounding eagerly toward her owner. She gracefully arched her neck, threw back her beautiful head, and with soft mood, shook her thin silken mane, and got up a charming attitude for our benefit.

"Peerless is something of a coquette," said Mr. Bonner, "she is fully aware of her charms, and I verily believe, like a pretty woman, has unbounded faith in her personal charms. She is full of mischief, and delights in playing all sorts of pranks with her keeper. Why, she will actually run away from me sometimes, and when I am in no humor for it, and will lead me a regular chase. Then, when she gets tired of the fun, she will come to me and rub her head against my shoulder, and look up in my face as much as to say, 'Please forgive me, I won't do so again.' Peerless is a mare bred in Canada. She is now four years old, he trotted his mile at Fleetwood Park in 2:36, and was at once purchased by Mr. Bonner for $30,000.

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ENGLAND UNDONE.

Russia has carried off in the conference exactly what she declared so many months ago she would have, namely, the entire neutralization of the eyes of Europe and her prestige is gone; not an ally, not a friend. Russia will go on with her preparations and gobble up Khiva when she pleases, and Prussia will not aid England to prevent it, and Germany stands ready to attack Austria if the latter should attempt to combine with England. The Russians will carry their point, and India will be their future destination. I am sure we can have no objection to the Russian occupation of Berlin or represent the antipathy to England, especially in military circles, as intense. They say nothing would give them such pleasure as a promenade in London, and Count Bluchor said, "Mine Gott! what a city to sack!"

How Gustave Flourens was Killed.

[Herald's Versailles Letter.]

He was killed by a captain of gendarmes, who split his skull with the blow of a saber. This happened in the village of Rueil, about four miles from Versailles, on the road to Paris. The gendarmes had come in search of Flourens, who had been living at his country residence in Rueil, at about four p. m. Flourens perhaps, unaware of the precipitate retreat from Rueil, was still at Chatou, in a little guinguette, when the gendarmes came in, and he fired at them in the street from the window. They immediately went in, mounted the stairs, and entered the first room they came, and, as they entered it, one of them received a ball in the shoulder from Flourens's revolver, whereupon the other one struck him in his left temple, killing him on the spot. Italian, was with him, and received a wound in the thigh.

☞ Compulsory education, it appears, is meeting with some resistance in Scotland. One of the members of a school board was recently discussing the question with the wife of a Scotch crofter, who addressed him as follows: "Well, master, and is this Bible truth, what I do hear—that you gentlefolks is scoring to oblegate my children to learn whether I like it or no?" The member of the board explained. "Well, master, you say as how they must be obligated to say as how they mustn't, and they shan't. Till drown 'em first!"

☞ While at Versailles, the Emperor William lost a favorite dog, and offered 200 thalers for its recovery. It was brought back by the Captain of the Schaumgelde Grenadiers' Bodyguard, who was then serving as a Landwehrman. He declined the offered reward; but asked the Emperor to present to his company one of the puppies born in Marie's house. On the dam on captured from the French. The gun was at once sent, and on its arrival was received in the village with much pride and great rejoicings.

☞ Some hundred years ago Prince Dietrich Grätzin sold his Silesian property to the Great Frederick for 833,333⅓ ducats. The third of a ducat was then for the first time carried into the royal mint. Prussia's Queen Luise, I am building a new stable on Fifty-Sixth street, near Fifth avenue, where I hope to make all my trotters comfortable. The stable will be connected with my own residence on Fifty-seventh street, by an arched balcony. When we move up some time during the summer, then I will be able to look through the glass of my library door into the street.

"That will be convenient. Carl Barr thinks highly of Startled, in fact, he cherishes the hope that he will some day beat Dexter's time."

"It will be a good horse that beats Dexter; still, I think with Carl that if Dexter's record ever is wiped out it will be by the progress of Startle. I paid George Alley $20,000 for him last fall, and only a few days ago Alley offered me $30,000 for him. Of course I declined to sell, as I do not buy horses on speculation."

"But your stable is very expensive to you."

"Yes. But then fast horses represent my only extravagance. They are my hobby, and I am fortunate enough to indulge the hobby."

Bruno, I would explain, is by Hambletonian, dam Kate, a mare bred in Canada. He is one of the fastest horses in the world to the three-quarter pole, but, *MI mistake* not, has a little too much temper for the road. Startle is now four years old. He was sired by Eyedyha Hambletonian, and his dam is Lizzie Walker, by American Star. Last fall, as a three-year old, he trotted his mile at Fleetwood Park in 2:36, and was at once purchased by Mr. Bonner for $30,000.

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